



Year 2 Autumn 1



Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back to Wyvern and to a brand new school year. We have an exciting Autumn half term planned for Year 2. To ensure that children have a smooth transition into Year 2 we are going to be catching up on some of the Summer Year 1 Curriculum and then start to integrate the Year 2 Curriculum. We will start the year looking at Animals and then move onto the Great Fire of London. In our Year 2 topic we will be learning about real life heroes of the past. We will also be reading a variety of exciting stories about the adventures of Superheroes. We know that it will be very strange for the children coming back into school but we will do everything we can to support the children.

Week 1

We will be transitioning the children back into Year 2 by concentrating on growth mindset lessons to support the children's wellbeing. We will be participating in 'getting to know you' activities so that the children settle comfortably into their classes. We will start reading 'Traction Man' to get some inspiration for what the children's own Superhero could be! We will also be practising our counting to one hundred and our mental recall of number bonds to ten and twenty.

Week 2 and 3

English

Children will be beginning the year by reading the Traction Man series. They will be retelling the stories using expressive voices and will be writing them in their own words using exciting vocabulary. They will be learning to write complex sentences using a range of punctuation.

Maths

We will be developing their place value skills with larger numbers. We will be labelling the tens and ones in numbers and will show how we can represent these numbers in different ways. In calculation, we will be looking at adding and subtracting numbers to twenty and practising our two, five and tens times table.

Topic (Animals)

In Science we will be investigating the five senses and naming, drawing and labelling parts of the body. We will also be describing and comparing different groups of animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. In Geography, we will be locating and describing the seas and oceans around the world. We will be using compass points to locate them and we will also be looking at what animals live in them. We will be spending time learning about the Great Barrier Reef and how we can help look after the oceans. In Computing, we will be using Purple Mash and using the Paint tool to create a picture of an animal. In Art, we will be learning about Henri Rousseau. We will be using pencils and chalk to create our own observational drawing of an animal. In PSHE we will be understanding how to look after ourselves. This will include how to keep our bodies healthy and how important physical activity and a balanced diet is. We will also learn how to keep safe in the sun and basic road safety. We will have weekly lessons based on growth mindset.

Week 4 and 5

English

We are going to be learning about a real life heroine called Florence Nightingale. We will be practising writing in the past tense. We will also be looking at some poetry about the Great Fire of London and looking at patterns and rhyming.

Maths

We will be using arrays to solve multiplication questions linked to the two, five, ten and three times table. We will be using money to make different amounts up to one pound.

In calculation we will be finding half of amount using a bar model.



Miss Meek- Head of Year 2 & Elephant Class



Miss Rowson - Zebra Class



Miss Saunders Giraffe Class



Miss Ahmed Core subject Teacher

Topic (Great Fire of London)

In Science, we will be observing changes across the four seasons by looking at trees, plants and the clothes that we wear.

In History, we will be looking at the events that led up to the Great Fire of London and using parts of stories to ask and answer questions.

In Computing, we will be using the mirror tool on Purple Mash to make a scene from the Great Fire of London.

In Design Technology the children will be learning about Tudor houses and making their own.

In RE, we will be looking at different Christian teachings and stories from the Bible.

Week 6,7 and 8

English

We will be watching a film called The Lighthouse and using co-ordination and expanded noun phrases to re-tell the story. Next, we will look at different sentence types when writing about Superheroes. Finally, we will be reading an exciting story about Aisha who is a Superhero Princess. We will be exploring this story using emotive language. Throughout the half term we will be concentrating on handwriting and making sure that the letters are the right size and placed correctly on the line.

Maths

In Maths, we will be finding halves, quarters and thirds of shapes and different quantities using bar models and sharing circles. In calculation we will continue to work on our mental strategies to solve addition problems. We will also begin to learn how to use new written methods which includes learning about column addition and subtraction.

Topic (Heroes)

In Science, the children will be learning about living things. They will be learning the names of baby animals and describing how they grow and what they need to survive.

In History we will be learning about real life superheroes. Children will learn about significant individuals from the past including Rosa Parks and Mary Seacole.

In Computing, we will be learning about internet safety and the importance of using a password.

In Art, we will be learning about and creating Aboriginal art with the dot technique. We will then move on to creating Superhero Onomatopoeia words using Pop Art techniques.

In PSHE, we will be focusing on mental health and recognising how our emotions change when dealing with loss, change and bullying.

We will also look at our local community and how we can take care of the environment.

Continuous Year 2 Learning

RWI and Guided Reading

Children will be continuing RWI and starting the RWI spelling programme. In Guided Reading sessions, children will have the opportunity to read to the teacher and practise their fluency and pace of reading. They will be answering comprehension questions on a text that is suited to their level of reading. They will also learn how to find evidence in the text to answer a question. Each week the children will also share a class text. This half term we are focusing on fiction and will be reading a range of stories including, The Day the Crayons Quit, Grace Darling and Don't Wake the Beastie.

PE & Games

This term in PE children will be working on multi-skills in a team and on an individual basis. They will learn to develop a range of basic skills, actions and ideas.

Upcoming Events in Year 2

- Parents Evening